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PSI'S CHAPTER HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

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PSI'S CHAPTER HOUSE

The successful completion of Psi's chapter house is a source of gratification to all her members.

A year ago in December we decided to send letters to the alumnae and learn their sentiment regarding house-building. Accordingly we told them of the need the girls had for a suitable lodge, and delineated a plan for securing it.

We proposed to form a stock company, with shares at \$25 each, and asked them how many shares they would take, if the replies to the letters warranted the beginning of the enterprise.

The replies were most enthusiastic and sufficient stock was disposed of to justify us in going on; so we incorporated as the Theta Building Association, bought a lot, had our plans prepared and on the day of our banquet in June the first work was done on the excavation.

Our location is exceedingly convenient, being only half a block from the library and campus, and is in a court with three other handsome sorority houses.

The cost of the lot was \$4,000, and the building called for an expenditure of \$10,000. The real estate in Madison is so valuable that it is necessary to build the houses large from an economic standpoint.

Throughout the summer the town alumnae visited the work in progress and kept the superintending architect mindful of the time when it must be finished, and upon the first of November, the specified time, the work was so near completion that fifteen girls moved in.

The first floor of the house has a parlor, a long living room with a fireplace, a dining room and a good kitchen with pantries.

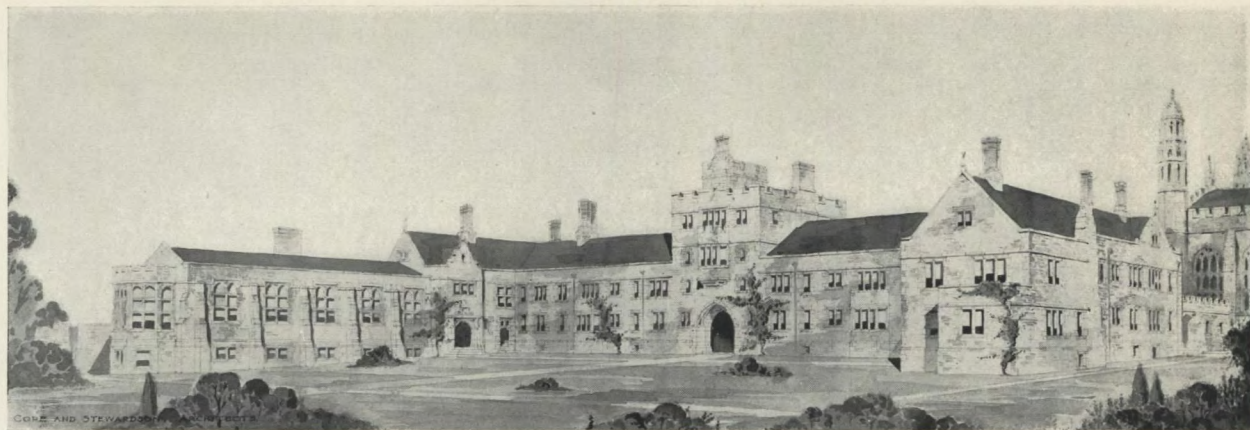
The second and third stories are alike, each having five exceedingly pleasant bedrooms, a telephone room, linen closet and bath room. Steam is used for heating and electricity for lighting.

The house an accomplished fact, the furniture was the next necessity. At the banquet in June we suggested that we try to furnish some things by classes, and we appointed one person from each class to communicate with its members.

The result was very good; one class contributed all the table linen, two purchased the silver, and two others the rugs, other contributions brought the dining room equipments and the kitchen outfit. So in one way and another the house is furnished, while not luxuriously, very comfortably, and entirely by the gifts of members, so that no building association money was used.

The girls are now managing their own table, and have a cook and waiter who live outside the house. The house is to have eighteen girls during the second semester, which will entirely fill it.

We have already sixty stockholders, and while their investments were not large, \$500 being the most stock taken by one person, we feel that it is extremely gratifying to have so many interested during the first year while the project is new. We expect to declare a 5 per cent. dividend from the time the building was first occupied.



TOWER DORMITORY FOR MEN, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

The prospects seem bright in every way, and the house and its management are, so far, highly satisfactory to both the active chapter and alumnæ.

BLANCHE BRIGHAM HARPER.

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Our new sisters of Alpha Iota chapter come with "Loyalty" so richly emblazoned on their escutcheon that we may well be envious of their noble device. Seven years ago in the fall of 1899 at Washington University, St. Louis, twelve girls banded together under the name of Eta Epsilon Tau. Their motto, "as soon as possible," to quote their words referred to Kappa Alpha Theta, a charter of which was hoped might be obtained in a year, or at most within two years. Their petition passed the Grand Council but was refused by some of the chapters on the ground that the university was not large enough. For seven years these girls patiently persisted, increasing in numbers and strength, resisting all overtures from other fraternities, their hopes fixed always on Kappa Alpha Theta. In the meantime the university was growing until its future became assured in the eyes of the most cautious, and finally, the last day of November, 1906, the long cherished plans of Eta Epsilon Tau were consummated and a joy it was indeed for those who could assist to receive them into the bonds of Theta fellowship.

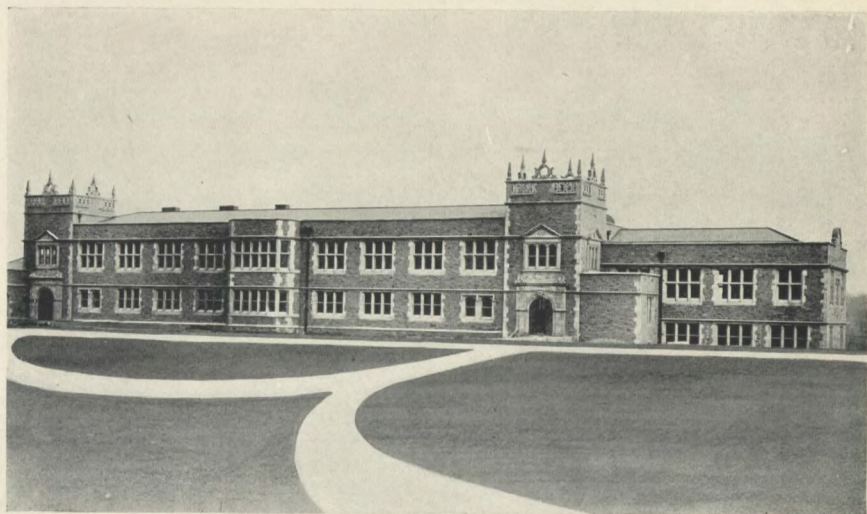
Miss Cummings and Miss Dodge of Iota, who had mothered the little waif, Eta Epsilon Tau, threw open their hospitable home and Kappa Alpha Theta virtually held possession for two days. There Friday evening

Mrs. Norton bestowed the charter upon twenty-two initiates. You all know how beautiful, how impressive, how inspiring it was, and we believed that we saw the realization of the ideal of the fraternity in the person of the beautiful woman at whose hands Eta Epsilon Tau became Alpha Iota chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

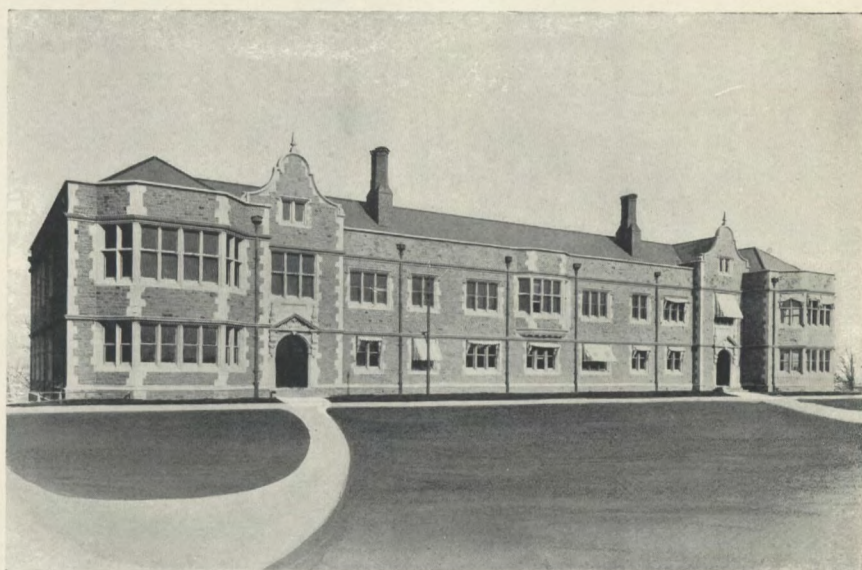
After the initiation, a banquet was served in a private dining room of a nearby hotel. I had almost said "a private hotel," for so it seemed. Every visible woman wore a kite-shaped pin. There the charming toastmistress, Miss Cummings, amid a flow of graceful, witty introduction and repartee, gave opportunity for Miss Cockins to give a most poetic tribute to Kappa Alpha Theta, for Miss Gruner to recount the struggles of Alpha Iota, and for Miss Benson to touch happily upon the joys of the prospective alumnae chapter, but also for everyone present to give a word or two of greeting from her own chapter to the newly installed one. It was a peculiar pleasure to hear the "welcome" from so many, for there were present eleven from Delta, two from Iota, three from Tau, two from Alpha Eta, two from Kappa, four from Eta, one from Alpha Gamma.

Saturday, Alpha Iota proved that she could add to her list of virtues, those also of a charming hostess, for she made the visitors welcome indeed, took them out to the beautiful campus to luncheon in the morning, and in the afternoon to a delightful "at home" and chapter meeting. She certainly made everyone feel that the latch-string would always be out in the new home of Kappa Alpha Theta for any of her large family. Long may that home endure, a house that could withstand the winds and rains of seven years is certainly not built on sands.

MAMAH B. CHENEY,
Delta Alumnae.



BUSCH BUILDING, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY,



CUPPLES HALL, NO. 2, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY,

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Situated on high ground just outside the city limits and overlooking the broad acres of Forest Park, the location of Washington University is an unusually fine one. On its campus of one hundred and thirteen acres have been erected eleven imposing buildings, and a twelfth is in process of construction. All of these buildings are in the Tudor Gothic style of architecture and built of red Missouri granite. University Hall, the Library and the engineering buildings are built around a large quadrangle, the laboratories, dormitories and other buildings, on avenues back of the quadrangle. But like most universities in large cities, not all departments are together. The School of Botany is in beautiful Shaw's Garden, the Art School, the Law and Medical Colleges all have their own buildings in different parts of the city.

By the terms of the charter, all property held by the University is to be forever exempt from taxation, and the only limitation imposed is that there shall never be any sectarian instruction.

Although the University has occupied its new site only since 1905, it is not a young institution. It is now in its fifty-fourth year. Chartered on the twenty-second day of February, 1853, as Eliot Seminary, its name was changed on the request of Mr. Eliot, at the first meeting of the directors, February 22, 1854, to Washington Institute, and again in 1857, when the formal inauguration of the University took place, to Washington University. Having received both its charter and its name on the twenty-second of February, the name chosen seems a fitting one.

The first college class was graduated in 1862. Since 1870 women have been admitted to the University. To the women interested, it means much that next Septem-

her the beautiful dormitory, being built by Mrs. McMillan at a cost of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars, will be ready for use.

The material growth of Washington University has been due to the loyalty of her graduates and the generosity of citizens of her own city. Her endowment of more than six millions is sufficient to meet the demands of a growing university, and through the action of the Board of Directors the equipment of every department is being steadily and rapidly augmented.

MARY CUMMINGS.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

As there is at all times more or less discussion concerning conditions in co-educational institutions, it may be of interest to college women to learn of some improvements which have been made at the University of Nebraska. These improvements have tended to better the social conditions and remove some of the evils which often exist in co-educational schools. They have been made largely through the influence and persistent effort of the dean of women, Mrs. Edna MacDowell Barkley.

Nebraska had been without a dean of women for several years, when Mrs. Barkley took that office in April, 1905. Consequently there were many conditions which needed remedying. The need of improvement along certain lines had been felt for some time in a general way, but there had been no one to make a study of the conditions, and to plan systematically for the improvement.

The aim of the new dean has been to improve the social conditions, to help the college women to maintain womanly dignity, the lack of which has been criticised in "co-eds." In addition, she has tried to foster more university spirit; the kind that is not only in evidence during foot-ball season, but that which makes the students kinder, more considerate of each other, and which tends to broaden acquaintanceship, thus reducing some of the clique tendencies.

The women at Nebraska have had no study room. Through the efforts of the dean, a room has been nicely fitted up for this purpose. Next year a lunch room and a locker room will probably be secured.

The question of the segregation of the students has been taken up, and separate rooming-houses have been provided for the men and women. This has been of great benefit to the students socially. Contrary to the gloomy forebodings of some people the price of room and board has not increased, and in addition, the standard of the rooming-houses has been greatly raised. Competition and the knowledge that the university has an eye upon them, have changed the typical rooming-house to one more homelike in appearance, and one which has all the modern improvements.

An attempt to help the freshmen girls is worthy of notice. This year there have been over three hundred freshmen. Many of these girls are timid, homesick, and if left alone would make very few friends or even acquaintances. To aid these girls, Mrs. Barkley has appointed a junior or a senior girl to be a sort of "god-mother" to a freshman girl; to call upon her, aid her in meeting other girls, and tactfully to find out how her schoolwork stands. If the freshman seems to be over-studying, or to need help in any way, a report is made

to the dean. Although this has been intended to help the freshmen, it has done as much for the upperclassmen, by enlarging their acquaintance, and by giving them a better insight into the lives of their fellow-students. This has been perhaps of special benefit to fraternity upperclassmen, many of whom had become narrow, having little interest and knowledge of girls outside their small circle.

With something of the same end in view, a University Girls' Club has been formed, to which all women students and women members of the faculties are eligible to membership. Its purpose is to help establish friendly, helpful relations among women students, no matter what course of study they are taking, and with no regard to society or church affiliations.

The dean has asked for the support and assistance of the fraternity girls of Nebraska, and she has not been disappointed. The girls have been well repaid for their efforts, by their broadened outlook, and increased unselfishness of spirit.

KAPPA CHAPTER'S BANQUET

On January 26, Kappa was delightfully entertained by the alumnae association at the home of Mrs. Hodder, in honor of our Founders' day. The house was beautifully arranged and covers for fifty-nine guests were laid on a long table in the dining room and on small tables scattered through the reception rooms. A delicious five-course dinner was served and after the merriment of after dinner stories had subsided, all became quiet to hear the toasts introduced by Miss Gilham. The first, on

"Our Creed," by Miss Riggs, was a beautiful and inspiring summing up of our Theta ideals, the substance of which "So put your creed into your deed," made us all feel how much a part of our truest and best life it ought to be. "The Last Link in our Chapter Chain," given by Miss Shanklin, was a detailed description of the installation of Alpha Iota Chapter at Washington University which was especially interesting to the alumnae who had not had a chance to hear about it in chapter meeting. Miss Florence Clark's toast to "Our Bachelor Maids" was exceedingly witty and called forth gales of laughter by its supposed probing into the dead romances of the past.

Then we sang a Theta song and it was truly thrilling to feel that, with us, all over the United States, forty Theta chapters, active and alumnae, were singing the same songs.

Hedwig Berger was unable to attend so her toast on "Outside College Walls" could not be given. Edna Hopkins, a daughter of one of Kappa's charter members, spoke on "Our Theta Daughter," she being the only one we have in the chapter. As she said, "If it is great to be a Theta daughter what must it be to be a Theta granddaughter." Winifred Evringham, from the Topeka alumnae association, spoke on "Our Alumnae Chapters"—"a fellow-feeling makes one wondrous kind"—and made us realize how much greater a part of our lives Theta occupies than merely the four college years and how strong and dear the bond is which draws us together with the same feeling of sisterhood in after life.

We finished with another song "making a swan-like end, fading in music," and separated with a new joy and enthusiasm in Theta too deep for words.

JESSIE BALDRIDGE.

FOUNDERS' DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS

The Theta women of Indiana met on Saturday, January 26, at a luncheon at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis to celebrate the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. There were Thetas from the active chapters of the state as well as Thetas who were associated with the fraternity in its youth. Mrs. A. L. Lockridge, of Alpha, presided as toastmistress. The toasts were as follows:—

Theta Bonds—Mrs. William Hough, Alpha.

Chapter House Life—Miss Grace Philputt, Beta.

The Good Old Days—Mrs. Grace Wheeler, Beta.

Our First Birthday Party—Miss Louise Brown, Gamma.

Castles in Spain—Miss Emma Clinton, Beta.

At a business meeting which followed, the officers who had charge of the arrangements this year were chosen to keep their offices. They are as follows:

Mrs. Cora Barnett, president; Miss Margaret Snodgrass, treasurer; Miss Grace Walker, secretary.

This custom of observing Founders' day has resulted in a state organization. The interest manifested gives proof that Kappa Alpha Theta means much to women after they leave college and is not limited in its influence to the four years of study.

Διαλεγώμεθα

"Off Years"

It is probable that almost every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta—or, for that matter, of any other fraternity—has had some years that might be designated as "off years." Perhaps the strongest "old girls" have not returned to college, so that the management of the chapter is in more or less inexperienced hands. Perhaps the freshmen have not quite come up to expectations. Often indeed the real cause of a general let-down is hard to put a finger on, although a cause is generally lurking somewhere.

Seasons of this kind are dangerous, since if a chapter is not in the very best working order, other local organizations of similar type have an excellent opportunity to step into the place formerly occupied; and however favorable its reputation or high its standard, it simply can not afford to settle down into a single year of discouraged inactivity.

Perhaps the quickest solution for the trying problem of recovering from an "off year" may be found in the maxim "keep everlastingly at it." Do not let any false pride in your fraternity keep you from seeing its weak points or from noticing and appreciating the strong points in rival fraternities. Do not be afraid to look the matter squarely in the face, to be frank with each other individually, and thus to find out the source of the trouble. Is it not true in chapter life, that little difficulties might often be obviated if every member tried to be frank and, at the same time, very tactful? Above all, do

not get out of sympathy or out of harmony, but work out problems together in a cheerful and yet determined spirit. During the four years of college life we have no right to expect that things are going to be always smooth and easy.

Such a discouraging year can thus develop the true Theta spirit in each chapter member. It may even be a very happy year for the girls are of necessity brought closer together and get really to know one another. A chapter, therefore, can make her "lean year" of adversity the best possible school in which to learn to overcome the far more dangerous evils that may come in the "fat years" of prosperity.

Chapter Expense

One of the things for which fraternity chapters are most criticised is the careless and useless expenditure of money. Much of this criticism is justly made and the matter ought not to be treated lightly.

The expense of a college course is not light at best but yet when tuition fees, living expenses, and chapter dues are paid, the list of liabilities is by no means complete. The majority of parents are anxious for their daughters to participate in these things which add to their pleasure and happiness and often make sacrifices which, in view of the purposes the money thus obtained serves, should make the daughters stop and think. Yet perhaps those girls with the almost too generous allowance, to whom a demand for money means handing it over, can best start a reform along this line and cause a return to more simplified forms of entertainments.

Elaborate functions are not by any means the most enjoyable ones. Formal affairs necessarily have their place in social life but even at these, appointments may

be simple. A little courage is the first essential and then the combined cleverness and originality of the members of the chapter is the rest. A unique party is nearly always enjoyed and it is usually an inexpensive one, for it merely means that ingenious minds have put quite common material to a new use. The right kind of candidate for membership in the fraternity will unquestionably be more drawn to a chapter after being entertained at this sort of rushing party than she would after attending an elaborate affair, where display seems to be the prominent feature and the desire to outdo rival organizations the underlying idea.

From reading chapter news, it would seem that all the girls like best and remember longest the simpler and less expensive functions, that these are the ones where there is the truest and most real enjoyment. We all realize that the cultivation of the social graces is an important part of our college life and Theta parties should certainly help us find the truest way of cultivating them.

All-the-Year-Round Rushing

It is a well recognized fact that in the hurry and confusion of a rushing season in the fall, many girls are not asked to become members of a fraternity, who later receive invitations to join. In the large college especially is this likely to be true, for many girls come from a distance with no friends to introduce them and then possibly remain in obscurity for some time; while others, during the pressing decisions incident to an early fall pledge day, are first temporarily, then unintentionally or otherwise, permanently pushed into the background.

Thus a timely word may be spoken with reference to the girl who did not at first gain the attention of the fraternity world. Each chapter can well afford to be on

the alert all the year for promising material. A few months of college life give the girl a chance to adjust herself and to show her real worth. Such a period also enables the fraternity members to get well enough acquainted and in an unobtrusive manner to make a fair and intelligent decision regarding her desirability. There is much danger in judging superficially and dropping thoughtlessly the girl who belongs to the type that develops slowly. That chapter is fortunate indeed whose members are keen enough judges of human nature to distinguish such latent possibilities and probabilities in the material around them, for the girl initiated a little late in her college course is often a more intelligent, loyal member than her sister who has viewed life only from the shelter of the fraternity fold.

Music in the Chapter

Did you ever stop to think what our fraternity life would be if all the music were eliminated from it? It is easy to raise enthusiasm with a little bit of good music thoroughly well distributed. If you have not already tried it, get the crowd together around the piano. People always sing better when standing than when sitting, and if you can get close enough together to rub elbows, you can make the old roof fairly ring. And when you have raised the roof with the volume of sound inside, you will be ready to go out and shout to the very heavens your pæan of praise for Kappa Alpha Theta. A chorus of singers, no matter how perfect the individuals may be, can not produce that full volume of sound which reverberates like the rich tone of a clear bell, until the singers have been together, and sung together until they have developed that sympathetic understanding of one another which makes their every musical action seem the

offspring of a single mind. Hunt the thought out of that jumble of words, for there is really a thought there, and apply it to your chapter *esprit du corps* and see if you can point a moral to adorn the tale.

Then when it comes to the gentle pursuit of the rude barbarian at the beginning of each new term, it is surprising how much more attractive the bait is when seasoned with a good chorus and spiced with a few guitars, mandolins, banjos and the like. The "Man of Wrath" in our household has often told of the curious effect of his fraternity quintette club in opening the eyes of a blind barbarian. He was a very desirable heathen, but, being a conscientious and busy student, he very frankly answered that he did not feel the need of fraternity life, he had friends in town to whom he could devote all the time he had to spare and he had no leisure for purely social pleasures at all. So the disappointed boys held a sort of a wake over the dead one night, in which the "dead" participated, a farewell appearance for him. The strings twanged plaintively, the voices rose in a melancholy dirge, and the room would have been very appropriately blue with smoke, except that they did not smoke—at least that is what the "Man of Wrath" says. The funeral was going on famously, but the Muse did not propose to be eclipsed in any such lugubrious fashion as that. The perverse banjo began to play a coon song, and the mandolin in the hands of the "dead" began to weave the most fantastic lace work of harmony around the melody until the "dead" one forgot his late decease, and the mourners forgot to mourn, and the next morning that barbarian agreed to spell his name in Greek. The unanswerable, though intangible argument of harmony had accomplished what all the logic of fact and reason could not bring to pass.

Now if that were true of a mere man. what must be the measure of such an appeal to the finer fiber of a woman's soul? Music appeals to the artistic sense, pre-eminently, and the artistic sense should always be highly developed in a true Theta. And it would be a criminal waste of potential energy if we fail to make of the musical element of our life all that Providence intended and nature made possible.

But to take a more mercenary view of it, it pays. Almost any of the alumnae can recall instances where a chapter has been able to grasp and hold the leading place in the life of its college almost entirely through its musical organization. Those girls were strong girls, true, but there were other strong girls in college at the same time who did not achieve leadership. A good quartette, or a combination of instrumental performers is always in demand at social functions, formal or informal, and the best Pan-Hellenic you ever attended was the one where our quartette had an appropriate song ready to spring after every toast, and a few good things in reserve for special emergencies.

You will sing more girls into Kappa Alpha Theta than you will ever argue in. You will also win more of the good will of the collegians, which will eventuate in political preferment in election time, by the concourse of sweet sounds with which you brighten the early days of the new student than you will ever get by an appeal to her reasoning faculty.

MAE GOFF SMITH.

Digressions

To Doctor Denison's list of things that begin small and get bigger, "babies, kittens, diseases, buildings, sins, potatoes and family squabbles," I would add, "Chi's after-dinner dramatics." It is really remarkable how ordinary things assume such immense proportions when figuring as costumes and stage effects. A senior gown becomes the Roman toga; a curtain pole, the coach-and-four; an air-blown sack, the pistol. Each girl is expected to furnish ingenuity, together with her part in the fun.

The small beginning is usually a little scene from some recent play, enacted by the dignified senior as villain, and the gentle junior as heroine. From night to night the wonder grows, new scenes beyond the power of pen to depict are added until every girl is utilized and only the house-mother is left for audience.

Early one morning twenty years ago, I was startled by the visit of a near neighbor, telling me of the arrival at her home the night before, of a young lady from Kansas, who said she was a Theta, come to attend a Theta convention that was to be held there. As I was the nearest Theta, the neighbor came to me to know what to do with her.

Now there was to be a Theta convention in Wooster, but not for a whole week. This delegate, mistaking the time, had arrived a week in advance! Through a friend in Kansas, she had heard my neighbor's name and the expected delegation of welcoming Thetas not being at the station to meet her, she had sought and obtained shelter at this lady's home. Of course, I took unfortunate Miss Kansas in and she was passed on, during the week, from one to another of us.

A few days later, the delegate from Vermont arrived.

Not by mistake, but that she might have the protection of a young man friend and a St. Bernard dog, who were on their way to Yellowstone Park. Both dog and man were fine specimens of their kind, and owing no doubt to their assistance, Miss Vermont landed directly in our hands—and hearts. Yet I believe that most hostesses will agree with me that they would prefer to have their guests arrive too late than too early.

“Once upon a time” there were two girls who had decided to transfer from their own colleges to a third. They had never heard of each other except that they were told by the college authorities that they would have to room together because there was but one place left in the dormitory, one double room. Judge of their surprise and pleasure, when, on walking for the first time into their common abode, they met in the middle of the room and each caught sight on the other of the old familiar kite!

IN MEMORIAM

May Hume Potter, Phi, '97, died at her home in San Francisco, December 23, 1906.

For the second time in her history, Phi chapter has lost a loyal member. To those who have come since she was one of us, May Hume is a name that has never been forgotten. The qualities which endeared her to those who knew her best were of the kind that cannot die, and the chapter loss is a personal loss to each one of us.

**SEVENTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
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Make your plans now to attend the Convention. The Convention is so centrally located that it should be the largest in our history. Delta Alumnae and Tau are noted for their hospitality. They are very enthusiastic over the Convention coming to Chicago and are already planning for these delightful Convention days. You cannot afford to miss this Convention. Further announcement will be made in the May Journal. The preliminary arrangements are in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

For information address

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EDITORIALS

There is one class of members for whom the fraternity does not adequately provide. These are the *alumnæ* living away from college towns or *alumnæ* chapters. They are often more interested in the detailed work of the fraternity than those who affiliate with the *alumnæ* chapters. They hear no convention delegate's report; they never know of changes in the constitution; they have no access to the valuable statistics contained in the Grand Council and chapter reports and thus have to make special effort to learn the inner history of many of the fraternity proceedings, as, for instance, why an applying group, much discussed at convention, never received a charter. Much of this matter could not properly be printed in the Journal which circulates outside of the fraternity while a great deal more is not printed there because it is more conveniently comprised in other documents in the hands of the chapters. Do we need an *alumnæ* officer to keep these women in closer touch with the fraternity machinery? Could an esoteric pamphlet be issued once a year and thus serve as a supplement to the Journal? It might be well for the convention delegates to talk over this question with those *alumnæ* interested and come prepared to vote upon this matter should there prove a call for such legislation.

A topic of vital interest to all fraternities and one discussed widely not only in fraternity magazines but also by all high school and college authorities is that of high school fraternities. There seems little occasion for further discussion of it in our Journal since Thetas in contributed articles relating to it have been so unanimous in condemning these

organizations. In fact the sentiment throughout the country seems to be in favor of abolishing them. At the meeting of the Deans of Women of State Universities, a year ago, the opinion was unanimously expressed that such organizations were harmful to the girls who join them and to the high schools in which they exist. The National Educational Association has condemned them and has appended a list of thirteen reasons, thus discussing their pernicious influence most exhaustively. The Inter-Sorority Conference has also registered its strong disapproval. The vote which our Grand President is now calling for will determine Theta's position in the general effort to do away with "our high school imitators."

Our Grand Secretary reports that there has recently come into her hands a copy of our first Song Book. It was issued just thirty years ago and contains nineteen songs. Two of these were reprinted in our last song book as numbers 35 and 46 and a third is our initiation song with four verses. It boasts only a brown paper cover, and has neither preface nor editor's name. This valuable archive is the property of Karoline Hammond, Phi, whose mother was a member of Alpha chapter.

In the list of publications of the fraternity as compiled by our Secretary and printed in the Historical number of the Journal, March, 1906, there should be inserted therefore under the heading Song Books, (p. 250) this item:

1877

Songs of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. 18p. 4x6 in. Bloomington, Ind. 1877.

NOTICES

Alpha Iota desires to secure a few copies of our latest Song Book. Since the edition is entirely sold out, the

request is made that chapters or alumnae willing to dispose of copies notify Clara E. Nipher, 1220 Hamilton Av., St. Louis, Mo.

Will the chapters kindly notice the change in the chairmanship of the Educational Committee and address all questions relating to the fraternity examination to Adele Johnson, 203 East Ninth St., Austin, Texas.

JOURNALS WANTED

Alpha Beta lacks XII, 4; XV, 3 and 4; XVIII, 4. She has duplicate copies of the following to offer: XIII, 4; XIV, 3; XV, 1; XVI, 3; XIX, 1, 2 and 4. Address Mabel Creth Sullivan, Swarthmore College, Pa.

Chi lacks all of volumes I-V; X, 3; XVI, 3 and 4; XVII, 1, 3 and 4; XVIII, 1. She has duplicates to offer in exchange. Address Clara L. Carson, 124 Seymour St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Rho lacks IV, 3; VII, 4; X, 3; XIII, 1; XV, 3 and 4. She has duplicates of: X, 1; XI, 3; XII, 1, 2 and 3; XIV, 2 and 4; XV, 1 and 2; and complete file for all later volumes. Address Martha Cline, 1955 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Upsilon lacks XIV, 1; XV, 1, 3 and 4; XVIII, 4. She has duplicates of XII, 3; XIII, 1, 3 and 4; XV, 2; XVI, 2 and 4; XVII, 4; XVIII, 3; XIX, 1, 2 and 4; XX, 3. Address Edith Knowlton, 1308 Fifth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Grace Vance, 13949 Euclid Av., Cleveland, Ohio, offers to any chapters needing them the following copies: XVII, 2, and XVIII, 1, 2 and 3.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA — CORNELL UNIVERSITY

What a sigh of relief we give after mid-year examinations. Each girl is recovering from the strain in her own way. Some plunge deep into the gayeties of Junior week, others rest and a fortunate few go home for a week's vacation. The time between terms is usually very jolly. It is so short that most of the girls stay here and turn domestic as an antidote to their previous hard work.

This domesticity usually means the donning of a becoming sewing apron, and then, armed with a gay little work bag, we sally forth. A very fever of industry seems to strike us. Sewing parties become the popular thing. Once there we chatter to our heart's content, eat fudge, drink tea, and as a mere aside, ply the needle.

Shortly after Christmas we went to Mrs. Nichols', an alumna, where we had a candy pull. We were given full swing in the kitchen where we made pop-corn balls and pulled candy until we were tired and sticky. We then went to the library and sat about a big wood fire cracking nuts and jokes. One song followed another, until the party broke up with the "Alma Mater."

Founders' day falling on Sunday was celebrated on Saturday by us. Our alumnæ were invited and our meeting was unusually pleasant.

The chapter is anticipating the stunt which our freshmen are to give us. It has become a chapter custom that each entering class entertain the fraternity one evening in the year, presenting a funny stunt. As our freshmen are a clever group, we expect something particularly amusing.

Iota wishes success and happiness to each chapter during the coming year.

MARY R. PRESTON.

LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

In our last letter to the Journal, we were happy to tell of the freshman girls then pledged. Now we are still happier to tell you that five of the six who wore the Theta pledge pin then, are wearing the kite now. For on the night of December eighteenth, initiation was held at the home of Mrs. Hodge, one of our alumnæ. Of course, the older girls lived over again their initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta, and each was more impressed than ever before with the beauty of the service. We were delighted to have with us on that night, among the alumnæ, two of the active members of last year, Elizabeth Holmes and Ella Pine. Since initiation nothing especially eventful has taken place within our fraternity bounds.

In the university this winter, there is being given a course of lectures, embracing subjects of literary and scientific interest. The opportunity of hearing these addresses by able speakers is much appreciated by the students.

The state convention of the Y. W. C. A. is to be held here, the middle of February and the local committees are busy planning for that.

The examination period is close upon us; but before starting in upon these two rather trying weeks, we have the celebration of Kappa Alpha Theta's birthday to cheer us. On the eve of this anniversary, we are united in thought with all Thetas and our best wishes go to each and every one of them.

MARY ROBINSON.

SIGMA — TORONTO UNIVERSITY

We are now fairly launched upon the Easter term and are all more or less seriously preparing for the examinations in May. However, fraternity affairs have been receiving their fair share of attention and chief of all in interest was the Founders' day luncheon. It was held at McConkey's and nineteen were present. We had been planning for twenty but Helen Thomson was elected to attend the Y. W. C. A. convention in Montreal and although we missed her very much, we were pleased that she had this distinction. Mrs. Lalor, of Omega, and Evelyn Ward, who came down from Hamilton, were present and alumnae and active members felt the same thrill as the toast was drunk "To the Founders of Kappa Alpha Theta."

The "Arts" dance, given by the Men's Literary Society, took place on January 16 and was very successful. The Women's Literary Society will hold their annual function in the near future, and invitations are out for the dance given by the students in residence, one of the season's most popular affairs. The Assault-at-Arms, generally the last dance before the examinations, is scheduled to take place early in March. Frequently at the dances, there is a jolly set of lancers in which all the girls are Thetas.

A course of lectures given in connection with the university on Wednesday afternoons, dealing with French art and architecture are proving very interesting, and a series of Lenten lectures are beginning at Trinity, one of the affiliated colleges, on great French women. This week, too, the annual Mendelssohn choir and Pittsburg orchestra concerts, which have become famous under the leadership of Mr. Vogt, are being held, before proceeding to New York and other American cities.

Sigma wishes every chapter the best of good things for this last term of the year.

BERTA BASTEDO, '07.

CHI — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Chi's Christmas celebration was a little out of the ordinary this year. Our chaperon, Mrs. Baumgras, gave a progressive dinner party for the upper classmen and our men friends. The underclassmen served. Little tables were placed in the hall and library where holly, red bells and a glowing grate fire told their Christmas story. To add to our cheer, we received for our library a picture of a mural painting in the Doge's palace in Venice. Maude Millington, ex-'05, brought it to us from Italy.

Another birthday, and such a happy one, Nu Alumnæ made possible for Chi. The twenty-seventh of January comes in the midst of our mid-winter examinations, so our alumnæ relieve the active girls by playing the kind hostess at our celebration. This year they gave a play, wherein the actors merely "acted" while the orchestra-chorus chanted the dialogue. A luncheon was served, with the customary huge birthday cake bearing its thirty-seven lighted candles. Then followed our beautiful Theta service. The gifts this year were all for the library, which is now furnished in the mission style: a picture from a city friend, Miss Jenkins, a table from Grace O'Hara, a splendid bookcase and a handsome droplight from our alumnæ. The active girls only wish that the dear sisters who had a share in the birthday gifts, could know how much we are enjoying them and how grateful we are.

Senior week, with its round of fraternity parties, renewing of auld lang syne acquaintances, and its glee club concert, culminated in the annual Senior ball on the evening of February twenty-eight. Now, "the play's the thing." This month, the Boar's Head, our University Dramatic Club, presents Sheridan's "Rivals." Again, Chi has a part, Blanch Merritt, '08, playing Lydia Languish.

By this time we had hoped to announce Chi's pledglings, but at present writing, Pan-Hellenic has not determined upon a pledge-day. All rushing, except unlimited calling upon freshmen, was suspended for a period from December nineteenth till the opening of our second semester, February fourth.

MAUD MERRITT.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

On Saturday, December fifteenth, Alpha Beta initiated the following new girls: Caroline Atkinson, Ethel Albertson, Anne Bunting, Priscilla Goodwyn, Beulah Green, Ellie Simons and Iwana Wood. The initiation was held at the home of Marion S. Comly, and an unusually large number of the alumnæ were present.

This winter, we of Alpha Beta have renewed the custom of having supper in our rooms on alternate Wednesday nights, and if possible they are more enjoyable than ever. On these occasions our seven freshmen are indeed an addition to the general fun and help to swell the chorus when we sing the familiar Theta songs. At our last supper we were glad to have with us Mary W. Lippincott, our District President. Her visits always seem to bring us into so much closer relation with our sister chapters and by comparison she stimulates and inspires a deeper interest in our fraternity work.

Alpha Beta sends best wishes to all the Thetas.

JULIA YERKES ATKINSON.

ALPHA DELTA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

"Aim at the best" was our motto this last "cultivation season" and by dint of persistence and insistence we gained the very best, so we assuredly think, and we are now more than proud to have you know our two new members,

Nancy Lane Pusey, of Chicago, and Meta J. McClelland, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Their initiation January fifth was followed by a banquet at the Hotel Belvedere. Christie Dulaney acted as toastmistress and called upon alumnæ, active girls and the freshmen to toast the continued happiness and prosperity of Alpha Delta along with all the other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Following close upon this event came our college mid-year examinations and being in the midst of these we found it impossible to celebrate Founders' day when the time came. So today we are looking forward to a happy gathering at the home of one of our city sisters, when we expect to have with us several of our alumnæ, including one of our last year's "grand old Seniors," Mary Adams from Philadelphia, who is visiting us for a few days.

Last week there came to us a great surprise and pleasure in the chance visit of two of our Phi Thetas, Grace Lavayea and Clara Smith. It is an unusual pleasure for us, way down in Baltimore, to meet older sisters and such a treat that we hope none of you will forget us if you come near.

ALPHA EPSILON — BROWN UNIVERSITY

Lent comes upon us so early this year that we are in great danger of losing the thread of our studies for a while in a tangle of social engagements. We all expect to have a very good time at our annual dance which takes place on February sixth. But the more serious side of college life is not neglected; the vesper services, which are held every Wednesday for several weeks in Sayles Hall, are well attended by the students. These services are indeed an inspiration for they are conducted by some of the religious leaders of this country.

The Sayles Gymnasium has become a part of our college life and has more than fulfilled our brightest hopes. An enthusiastic class of Juniors and Seniors takes voluntary gym-

nasium work, and the number of certificates from physicians stating that students are unable to do the required gymnasium work is considerably smaller than it has been in former years. The dedication of this building is not an occasion which we are likely to forget soon. The faculty came in academic state and some very fine addresses were made. On the evening of the same day came the Brown Women's Banquet, at which graduates and undergraduates have an opportunity to get acquainted. The large and enthusiastic gathering bore witness to the fact that college spirit is not lacking at Brown.

Our fraternity spirit also is just as gratifying. We hope that all our Theta sisters get as much happiness from their fraternity life as we do.

RUTH L. FOSTER.

ALPHA ZETA — BARNARD COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta's contribution to the Journal this month will have to be very short, I am afraid, for the entire college is just recovering from a severe attack of "mid-years." Having spent two weeks answering the question "Aren't you worried about the exams?" we will now spend the next two weeks answering the question "Have you heard how your exams. came out?" But I suppose all other college girls have just been through the same ordeal, so they can readily sympathize with us at Barnard.

This last few weeks, in fact ever since Christmas, rushing has been almost impossible. Upperclassmen haven't had time to pay much attention to freshmen and the freshmen themselves haven't had time to want much. But with pledge-day a little less than two months off, we are all of us determined to make the next few weeks tell. Our formal rushing is restricted by Pan-Hellenic compact to one party a month, so of course we make the best possible impression on freshmen at these. The Alpha Zeta alumnae are helping us out

this month by entertaining the likely freshmen at a musical tea. Our last month's entertainment afforded quite as much pleasure to the fraternity girls as to the others, for it consisted of a luncheon of eight with the Hippodrome afterwards.

Gamma Alumnae took charge of and arranged the Founders' day banquet, which almost all Thetas in the city attended. Miss Aurelie Reynaud was toastmistress and Mrs. Folks and Mrs. Glucksmann, both of Iota, Mrs. Bull of Alpha Zeta, and Miss Waters of Alpha Beta, responded.

We now close with Alpha Zeta's best wishes for the rest of the year.

LEE ALEXANDER.

Beta District

ALPHA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Time for another chapter letter! Is it possible! How the busy days and weeks do slip past. Seems as though the last chapter letter had just been sent off. But stop, let me see. Since that time, we have passed through term exams. (and before going further I can't resist telling that we believe the grades of last term have never been excelled in Alpha chapter). We all enjoyed our two weeks of Christmas vacation, coming back with a stronger determination than ever, not to let work "pile up." Here it is the middle of the term and finals fast approaching. The seniors, indeed, are beginning now to feel that the days of college life are almost over.

The interest of this term has all centered on the rush. For the first time in the history of De Pauw sororities has the rush been a long one. Permit me to introduce to you the fourteen new girls who have been wearing the pledge pins since January 31, and will soon be wearing the kite: Dyer Lemon, Indianapolis; Lenore Ford, Kokomo; Anna

Ibach, Hammond; Alma Gobin and Louise Gordan, Green-castle; Bernice Church, St. Joe, Mich.; Louise Browning, Alexandria; Marie Hendee and Edna Bailey, Anderson; Mildred Jones, Oak Park, Ill.; Helen McNeil, Danville, Ill.; Katherine Barton and Lillian Barton, Milroy, Ind.; Pearl Marlatt, Connersville.

Owing to the rush which was at its "hottest" at the time, most of us did not go to the annual birthday banquet at Indianapolis. It was a disappointment too, but we heard all about it and are sure that we missed a grand time.

For the past few years, Phi Psi has remembered us on our birthday, and this year with a beautiful mahogany chair. Mrs. Gobin, a Delta girl, in loving memory of the twenty-seventh, gave us an exquisite piece of china.

Theta, at De Pauw, wanted very much to try the long rush, and now that it is all over, we are still as much in favor and are hoping it will be used next year. The rules were many and strict, but we believe we kept them faithfully, and are ready to try them again, for we won all the fourteen we spiked so long. The one function we gave this term was the annual banquet. Forty-eight covers were laid in the chapter house dining room. The affair was a success in every detail. We were also fortunate in having several alumnæ with us.

Just a word, for college affairs. De Pauw has just come home from the state oratorical. And everyone is feeling disappointed, not only the six hundred who went to Indianapolis expecting to hear Sam Taylor, our representative, win, but also those of us who did not go. So we are saying to each other "wait until next year."

Alpha wishes for each chapter the happiest possible fraternity life. And may each and every freshman Theta prove so dear and worthy to you as we expect our freshmen to be to us.

FRANCES WALES.

BETA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The second term at Indiana is nearly half over now and it has gone so quickly that we can hardly realize it. The winter has seemed unusually short.

The twentieth of January was the Foundation day of the university and, of course, there were the appropriate exercises. On Monday, the twenty-first, a play was presented by Strut and Fret, the dramatic society. In this two of our Beta girls took part.

The basketball season is at its height at present. There are games every week and the team is playing a good game.

Last week came the first of a series of parties given to the different fraternities. Owing to the installation of the new chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon here, we have nine men's fraternities. So these little "evenings" will continue until the middle of March.

Beta chapter was entertained recently by Frances Murphy and Lulu Kemp who gave an afternoon card party for our latest three brides, Athol Todd, Margaret Johnston, Ruth Millikan and a guest of Miss Murphy's, an Alpha Chi.

We have been attending the university teas, too, and going to the Y. W. C. A. and Woman's League meetings. Beta wants and intends to take an active interest in the general college life. We do not want to remain in the narrow limits of our own affairs, no matter how all-absorbing they may become.

About eighteen of us went up to the Theta banquet and dance at Indianapolis. We were pleased to see that with our alumnæ we had probably the largest representation at the table. We want to congratulate Alpha on her splendid success in the spike. We are glad to hear of the new members.

We send our best wishes to all of our sister chapters for the year.

ALICE BOOTH.

GAMMA — BUTLER COLLEGE

One of the pleasantest as well as the most profitable features of our new chapter life has been the interest which the *alumnæ* have taken in us. Not only the Zeta *Alumnæ* in Indianapolis, but also the members of the original Gamma chapter have given us advice and assisted us in many ways. We are indebted to one of the latter, Mrs. May Durbin Christian, for advance knowledge of one of the girls whom we recently initiated, Julia Booth of Noblesville. The other initiates are Vera Jacob, Hazel Pasquier, Maude Boston, Louise Wheeler and Jessie Ragsdale, all of Indianapolis. These girls are already giving proof of their worth to the fraternity.

The subject of most general interest at present to Thetas in this vicinity and which I am sure will be of interest to all Thetas, was the celebration in honor of the anniversary of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. Ninety-seven women from all parts of Indiana attended the luncheon at the Claypool Hotel and more than half of that number were present at a Theta dance in the evening at the Propylæum. Several girls from both Alpha and Beta chapters were here for the occasion so that we had an opportunity to make many new and delightful acquaintances. We girls of Gamma chapter enjoyed both the luncheon and the dance and are looking forward with pleasure to Kappa Alpha Theta's next birthday.

The anniversary of the founding of Butler College is to be observed on February the seventh. The Butler *alumnæ* will have a luncheon on that day at the Claypool Hotel. In the afternoon the students are to give an entertainment

and in the evening the Alumni Banquet at the University Club will take place.

We hope that the new year has begun as prosperously for all our sister chapters as it has for us, and we send greetings and best wishes to them all.

LOUISE BROWN.

EPSILON — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

We are back again at our regular routine of work after passing through the trying ordeal of examination week. What sighs of relief we all drew when the last examination was over and we had no more to look forward to until next June.

Our time before the Christmas holidays and since then has been so taken up with work that it has almost been impossible to entertain very much, but we are now making plans for our term party, which will probably occur in the early part of March. This is always our largest party of the year, so all brains are busily engaged with plans and suggestions.

The marriage of Josephine Taylor to Mr. Slagle, of Milwaukee, took place this week in Wooster. It was a very pretty home wedding, and Thetas figured quite prominently in it, part of the music being furnished by a Theta quartet and many of the guests being Thetas. Mrs. Slagle is the third alumna who has become a bride since Christmas; the marriage to Nina Gibbon to Mr. Horn and of Blanche McClland to Rev. Mr. Marshall occurring since then.

Our University has been quite favored this year along the lines of gifts. Our new library, which was the gift of Mr. Frick, of Pittsburg, is now open. It is a beautiful building and adds greatly to our campus. Another gift we have received is that of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars from the sum given by John D. Rockefeller

to be divided among colleges. Mr. Severance, of New York City, the great friend of Wooster University, has also given forty-five thousand dollars for the completion of our new dormitory, Holden Hall, bringing the entire cost of the building to one hundred thousand dollars.

Epsilon chapter sends to all her Theta sisters greetings, and hopes that the New Year already begun may be a most successful one.

EDITH LAWRENCE, '09.

ETA — MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Now that the Christmas joys and New Year's greetings are over, we girls of Eta chapter have begun to burn the midnight oil with rather tiresome regularity, for the end of the semester is close upon us. The inevitable mid-year examinations fill us all with feelings of dread, in spite of our hard work, but we trust that our mail will be free from any communications from the faculty. There are times when it is pleasant to be entirely ignored.

We endeavor to aid Mrs. Jordan, our woman's dean, in her desire to make the social life of the University democratic; and so several of us joined, not long ago, in a pantomime given for the Women's League of the University. It was a take-off on a few of the faculty and some of the most familiar of the institutions, and they proved irresistibly funny in our mimicry. The pantomime was followed by the preparations of the "Ruggles family" for their Christmas dinner party. Sarah Caswell Angell Hall was filled with girls and they voted the affair a great success.

On Saturday, January 12th, we were delighted by a visit from Miss Barnaby. She was with us until Sunday noon and the girls gave a tea on Saturday afternoon in her honor.

With a desire to entertain our patronesses by something besides the customary tea or afternoon, we gave a vaude-

ville performance at the chapter house on Saturday evening, January 19. The eight acts were very amateurish, but the guests' evident enjoyment repaid our efforts.

We have been fortunate here this last fortnight in being able to see the Ben Greet version of "Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet." They were particularly good this year, and a lecture, the other evening, by F. Hopkinson Smith was splendid.

The girls all gathered for a dinner in honor of Theta's birthday on Sunday, and we had a very jolly time cutting the birthday cake. Several of the "old" girls remembered the chapter by some pretty and appropriate gifts; one, especially, is a memory-book for souvenirs and programs of our functions and bits, interesting to us all.

ETHEL OBETZ.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Since the last letter to the Journal there has been very little excitement about the college. With initiation over and the new Thetas undergoing a metamorphosis into old Thetas, things have jogged along from day to day. The great event in the college life has been mid-year examinations from which burning cauldron we have just emerged, slightly scorched with weariness to be sure, and glad of a few days intermission before the second semester begins.

One happening, however, of supreme interest and enjoyment was a visit from Miss Josephine Barnaby. She brought us welcome word from sister chapters, and gave us the kindly advice and aid always so gladly received.

Winter has settled upon us with such firm grasp, that the whole social life has taken the form of winter sports, and coasting, sleighing and skating are the order of the day. More formal affairs are to be found in the Senior dinner, held at the Saegerstown Inn, and the annual Washington's

birthday banquet, an event looked forward to each year with the greatest interest, as it calls back many of the alumnae of the college. This year we also expect several of Mu's "old" girls back, and all sorts of jollity are planned for the days preceding and following February 22nd.

In the field of college sports, basket ball is occupying the whole attention now. Teams among the girls have also been organized with Mary Sansom, a Theta of '09, as coach, and games with colleges or girls' preparatory schools, are looked forward to with the wildest enthusiasm. The regular college team has won victories enough to make the loyal Allegheny heart beat proudly for it.

Before another letter to the Journal, spring will be here with its promise of happy summer days, days so full of bright thoughts and merry plans to the underclassmen and of lonesomeness and longing to the senior, who has just left her alma mater. As we hurry through the winter and begin the spring, Mu's best wishes for success will follow the footsteps of every Theta chapter.

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI — ALBION COLLEGE

The past few months have meant mostly hard work for Thetas at Albion.

Of the various social events, freshest in our memory is the party in honor of Kappa Alpha Theta's birthday. Many beautiful and useful remembrances were left for the den of the lodge, and as our faces beamed beneath the ruddy glow of the fire, so our hearts warmed at the tales of the struggle and frolics of the old days, told by our alumnae, and everyone left singing in her heart: "Oh, I'm glad I am a Theta."

Recently the Choral Union of the college, under the able direction of Dr. Chase, has presented the oratorio, "Elijah," at Kalamazoo and in Albion. Rocellia Kendall Rolston,

one of our initiates of this year, received much praise for her rendition of the contralto solo parts.

Last Saturday afternoon the girls of the college were very pleasantly entertained by Alpha Chi Omega at their chapter house.

At present the student-body is considerably agitated over the question of student government.

MYRTLE E. SMITH, '09.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Very little has happened of chapter interest in Alpha Gamma since our last letter was written. Theta's birthday was celebrated this year on January 26, by Alpha Gamma and Epsilon Alumnæ. Instead of celebrating with a spread as in former years, a chicken dinner was served for us in the parlors of one of the churches of the city. Forty-five of us gathered about the festal board. Theta songs were sung and Theta's health was drunk from our loving cup. The greetings from our Grand President, Mrs. Garrettson, made us feel that Thetas all over the country were wearing Theta colors and drinking Theta's health that night. The chapters have grown so large that it is a big undertaking to celebrate this event in a home. So it occurred to us to have the dinner served by the ladies of the church. It was a great success and met with such sincere approval that we shall probably continue it in other years.

This is the season of formal dances at Ohio State. Our date has been set for February 15, and we are all looking forward to our valentine formal.

The Pan-Hellenic association, formed among the men's fraternities this last fall, is to give a theatrical performance February 1st in the university chapel. The scenes are all laid in college circles and the whole performance will reflect a great deal of local color. For instance a rushing

party, given by the four sororities is one scene, which will attract much interest, since all of the women's roles are to be assumed by men, and we shall see ourselves as others see us.

The Girls' Glee Club in which several of our girls are interested, made their first appearance of this year on January 25 in a Twilight Concert. They looked very pretty and sang well. We are all justly proud of them.

Alpha Gamma sends greetings to Thetas everywhere.

MABEL A. LOVEJOY.

ALPHA ETA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

During the holidays we were so glad to have with us three of our alumnæ who have been teaching this winter, and Mary Lipe, who was for three years at Vanderbilt and who is now taking her degree at Barnard. She gave the girls a chafing dish supper during Christmas week and we spent a delightful evening at her home. Rosa Ambrose, also, gave the Theta girls a luncheon, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone of us.

The Wednesday of Christmas week we met at the chapter room having a spread at twelve and enjoying every minute of the time spent with our "old" girls.

The past few weeks have been such busy ones for Alpha Eta that we have done very little in a social way. The week before exams we had time only for our strictly business meetings and an occasional spread to see each other. Then we settled down to work in very earnest, and our intermediate examinations have taken almost every minute for the past two weeks. We did not even have time for our birthday banquet on Saturday and were compelled to postpone it till the following Thursday, the day on which our last exams were held. Only our girls were present, and relieved at last of the strain of the two weeks past

and weighed down no longer with forebodings of the terrible mid-years we dismissed all thought of them and discussed fraternity topics and enjoyed each other.

Even examinations have their redeeming features it seems, for were we always together it would be so easy to forget how dependent we are upon our sisters for our happiness and these temporary separations make us realize what our fraternity does mean to us.

We are planing now to have some faculty teas, one every Thursday and invite the professors and their wives to our little room in order that we may know them better and give them an opportunity to know us.

Our alumnæ have been very good in remembering our birthday and quite a nice little sum is reported added to the treasury.

Alpha Eta sends greetings and best wishes to all her Theta sisters.

Delta District

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The students at Illinois have been recently waylaid in their intellectual advancement by two threatening calamities—a diphtheria scare and examinations. Neither ended very seriously, however, disaster in the former being averted by the extensive use of anti-toxine, and in the latter by the indulgence of the instructors. The Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu and several local fraternity houses were under quarantine for some ten days, and for a while the epidemic threatened to overcome the strenuous attempts made to check it. Two of our girls were unfortunate enough to be exposed to the disease and were quarantined in the Theta house for a week. The epidemic, however, has now been entirely conquered.

By dint of unusual mental exertion examinations have been successfully encountered by the girls of Delta. By way of relieving the strain of work we have been under we are planning to give a big reception this month to the faculty and students. It is to be an afternoon and evening affair, and will include about six hundred people.

As the standard of the university has been raised very much this year, the work has been harder and the grades lower. Every effort is being made by each school of the university to secure representative men in its department for lectures. During the past week Prof. Royce has delivered daily a philosophical lecture, and the fact that they have been universally well attended shows an increasing interest among the students in their work.

On January 26, we celebrated Theta's thirty-seventh birthday by a banquet with Theta toasts and songs. The toasts were given to Kappa Alpha Theta and its founders, and telegrams of congratulation were sent to the living ones. The younger Thetas were greatly interested in the history of Delta chapter and of the national fraternity, and we all enjoyed very much the toasts to her by the alumnae girls. About forty of them were here, and everyone was certainly proud to be among the many Thetas who were celebrating the anniversary of our fraternity.

CLARA GRIDLEY.

KAPPA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Kappa chapter has returned from her very pleasant holidays and after a busy week of examinations, is ready for the beginning of the new term.

December 18, we celebrated the approaching vacation with a Christmas banquet and dance at the chapter house, for all the girls in the fraternity. Toasts were given by a member from each class and our house mother, Mrs. Gray,

and gifts consisting of little envelopes containing witty personal verses, were distributed from the tree and read aloud. There were also several very nice presents for the house from alumnæ and Mrs. Gray.

An initiation has been held since we returned, on January 12, for Georgia and Lola Smart, of Ottawa, Kansas. One or two slight changes suggested by our delegates to the chapter initiation at St. Louis, were made very effectively.

Our spring party was given Friday night, the 25th of January. An orchestra from Kansas City played behind a bank of palms and at 12 o'clock a two-course luncheon was served in the dining room. The receiving line was composed of the three seniors and Mrs. Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramsey led the grand march. There were about two hundred and fifty guests present, among whom were an unusually large number of alumnæ Thetas.

The Founders' day banquet at Mrs. Hodder's came the following night, fortunately, and the visiting Thetas were able to be present at both events. Covers were laid for fifty-nine and after the dinner several splendid toasts were given. Altogether we had a very enthusiastic and happy Theta evening.

Kappa chapter enjoyed an especial treat in having Prof. Palmer, the great psychologist from Harvard, who was here giving a series of lectures to the university, dine with us recently. During the evening he read aloud a beautiful poem from Browning of which he was very fond and talked to us charmingly of his brilliant wife, the first president of Wellesley college. He told us many interesting facts about the eastern colleges and complimented us upon the beautiful home life which our fraternity enabled us to have together.

BESSIE BALDRIDGE.

RHO — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

Examination week was a strenuous time. It is a relief to all now to be able to walk into a room in the chapter house and not see a wild-eyed girl incoherently muttering Anglo-Saxon verbs, or trying to define "consciousness."

The event of chief importance to the Rho girls since the last issue of the Journal, occurred December 22. It was the marriage of Silence Howard Stewart of Lincoln, to Lloyd Bennett Wilson of Grand Island. It was a home wedding, and the active girls, as well as some of the alumnae, were present. The joy of being at a Theta wedding was mingled with sorrow at losing one of our town Thetas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are now at home in Grand Island.

Two class parties have been held at the armory, a senior masked dance and a sophomore "skidoo" party. These were both very successful affairs. The Theta seniors and sophomores enjoyed them, as did also some sophomores and juniors who managed to find some tickets and attend the masked dance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hodgman leave the ninth of this month for St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Hodgman assumes the presidency of Macalester college. Mr. Hodgman has been one of the best friends of the Thetas in the faculty, and Mrs. Hodgman has taken a great interest in the girls. They will be greatly missed. Professor Losey of Syracuse, is now at the head of the elocution department in the university.

Our annual banquet will be held February 9. Preceding the banquet, Katherine Cline, who was pledged last September, will be initiated. After the banquet a play will be given at the home of one of the girls.

TAU — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Just at present Tau is, of course, busy in studying for examinations, and there is good need to work. Hardly are our regular college "mid-year's" over before the fraternity examinations comes; so on regular days in the week, one of the older girls "teaches school" in Theta hall, with the idea of making our freshmen fully acquainted with the fraternity. Our freshmen this year are lively ones, who, in their Christmas entertainment, certainly endeavored to "pay back" divers and sundry impositions—so-called—inflicted upon them by the older girls.

At all events our Christmas entertainment was very successful, for a number of *alumnæ* were present and remembered Theta hall generously, most of them bringing us silverware as Christmas gifts. We girls, especially those of us who have been here for two and three years, feel that of ever a chapter was blessed with loyal *alumnæ*, Tau is that lucky chapter. Both *alumnæ* and active members are excited now over the possibility of having the convention here in June, and are anxiously waiting to see whether Miss Cockins will be as sanguine about it as we are, but whether convention comes to us or not, we certainly enjoyed Miss Cockins' visit. We girls who board in Willard hall felt so proud to sit down to dinner at a special table, one evening, together with our national Grand Treasurer, and Miss Hall, Miss Nind and Miss Wadsworth of the Delta *Alumnæ*. We went afterwards to a reception given in Miss Cockins' honor by Mrs. Beyers at her home in Evanston, while several of our girls next day attended the regular meeting of Delta *Alumnæ*, doubly interesting this time, both because of Miss Cockins' presence, and because of its being Founders' day. Tau, by the way, finds it extremely difficult to have any Founders' day celebration in our own chapter, as the occasion comes at such a busy time, so we

feel very glad that, by joining with Delta Alumnæ, we need not let pass unnoticed a day that means so much to us all.

HELEN HOLTON.

UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Just now we, at Minnesota, are drawing a long breath and preparing to begin the new semester with fresh courage. Already the momentary difficulties and annoyances which mingled with our work have faded from our minds leaving only pleasant memories.

A comfortable length of time before examination week, we gave an informal dancing party at the Town and Country Club of St. Paul. The weather was warm and there was nothing to mar a very good time. Then came the Founders' day banquet which more than justified all our anticipations. This year the toast list was modeled upon a unique plan taken from Alice in Wonderland. We owe the suggestion to Helen Woodman, an alumna of our own chapter. As the program may be of interest to other chapters struggling with the same problem of originality, I will give it here:

EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Presided over by

The Mock Turtle, Maude Sanborn MacMillan

Assisted by

The Gryphon, Anna Lorraine Guthrie.

The Tortoise.....Genevieve Jackson

"We call him tortoise because he taught us."

LessonsEmily Child

"They are called lessons because they lessen
from day to day."

Processes of Arithmetic, Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, Derision.....Jessie Nicol Hoyt
 Mystery, Ancient and Modern.....Katherine Bailey
 Laughing and Grief.....Rosamond Leland
 "The Classical Master Was an Old Crab, He Was."
 Drawling, Stretching and Fainting in Coils.....
Justina Leavitt Wilson

Among the fifty Thetas present, there were three out-of-town alumnæ, Miss Mars, Tau; Miss Illingworth, Mu, and Mrs. Jessie Nicol Hoyt, Upsilon.

An event of importance in our chapter life was the departure for the east of Ruth Haynes, a senior of last year. With Grace Lavayea, an alumna of Upsilon, and a member of Iota Alumna, Clara Smith, Phi, and Miss Mossbacher of Kansas City, she set sail from Boston on February 2. We shall miss her very much during her six month's absence abroad.

We are glad to announce that the year's pledge-day has been accepted in Pan-Hellenic with the provisional clause, "provided that satisfactory regulations be adopted by the association."

EMILY CHILD.

PSI — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

About the only topics that we talk on now, at Wisconsin, are examinations and the Junior Prom. These two subjects have become so important to us that they fill up nearly the whole conversation at our extra Sunday meetings. Our Sunday meetings are new institutions in Psi chapter. They became started in this way: We found that we saw very little of the town girls if they came only to the business meetings once a week, so we decided to have Theta teas every Sunday evening. The girls come about half-past five and stay until eight and we visit, and sing, and have

jolly, sociable times. On one Sunday in each month, we expect to invite guests. In this way we can entertain very informally.

ALPHA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The principal occupation of Alpha Theta since December has been in making a strenuous effort to settle down after the Christmas holidays. All the girls were back by the eighth, and oh, but we did have a happy reunion! One of our most treasured chapter customs is to have a Christmas tree at the chapter house, and this year it was jollier than ever. The house received several handsome presents which included china, cut glass, pictures and table linen. But most of the fun was afforded by clever little "take-off" presents which the girls gave to each other, each representing some peculiar trait of character. Mrs. Windsor, Iota, and several Theta mothers helped celebrate the occasion.

Another custom, and quite a nice one too, is that the freshmen give the upperclassmen a party on Founders' day. As it came on Sunday, we had to celebrate it on Saturday preceding. It was more successful this year than ever before, and that is saying a good deal for the '10 freshmen. The principal feature of the afternoon was a "prima donna chorus" in which character skits on the upperclassmen were sung to the tunes of popular airs. Afterward we indulged in a delightful luncheon prepared by those same freshmen's fingers. After going through the beautiful Founders' day ceremony we gave cheer upon cheer for the class of '10.

Last Wednesday we entertained the University Ladies' Club with an informal afternoon tea. A very pleasant time was spent, and especially did we enjoy this good opportunity of knowing the ladies of the faculty, and those connected with the university.

We have already begun to study for the fraternity examination, and a part of each meeting is devoted to learning all we can about a certain district. When we have finished the study of the districts we shall take up that of the fraternity at large, and also inter-sorority relations.

Alpha Theta sends heartiest greetings to every Theta chapter and wishes them unlimited prosperity.

HALLETT MCPHAIL.

ALPHA IOTA — WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

What delight, what excitement, what hard work it is for a new chapter to get firmly on its feet, only the charter members of a chapter know! But other things more than make up for the hard work. The possession of a Kappa Alpha Theta room, through it is not a model of elegance or even of comfort, is enough to make us wildly happy.

The room is in University Hall, our main building. It is unusually large, faces the east, has six large windows and surveys the prettiest part of University Heights. The furnishings of the room are meager as yet, but we are proud of our Kappa Alpha Theta pennant and our big W. Since we expect to occupy this room for only three months, we are not worrying about its appearance, so long as we have a place to hold our meetings, a table for study and a couch for rest.

Our visions of a fireplace, pretty furniture, portières and the like will be realized next fall when we shall own a suite of rooms in McMillan Hall, the new woman's dormitory, which by the way, will be a beautiful building, with accommodations for one hundred and twenty-eight girls. Our buildings, at present, are few, but in our opinion more beautiful ones cannot be found in the country.

There are eleven of us now: Vida Gruner, Adele Garrels, Clara Nipher, Frances Dawson, Jane Knight, Mildred

Spargo, Gladys Gruner, Nell Horner, Winona Petring, Lois Meier and Meta Gruner; and three pledges, Dorothea Marsh, Mary Glasgow and Ethel Luccock. We are anxiously awaiting the time when, after these dreaded examinations are over, we can have our first initiation.

On February 22, we shall have a Kappa Alpha Theta tea, which, once an annual event of the Eta Epsilon Tau, will be established as an Alpha Iota custom.

I had almost forgotten to mention our dinner. On the day after Christmas, the Jeserah (one of the local sororities at Washington University) and the Thetas had a dinner for twelve poor old women. Through one of the girls, we received permission to use the Congregational church and there we held our feast. After it was over, it appeared, to judge by the blessings and the general tendency of the old women to put their arms around us, that everyone had had a splendid time.

We hope to make this dinner also an Alpha Iota custom. There is unbounded material for such work in a big city like Saint Louis, and we Thetas are going to try to make use of some of it.

Alpha Iota exercises for the first time her sisterly right and sends sincere love to every Theta in the country.

DELTA ALUMNAE — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Kappa Alpha Theta's birthday was celebrated at our last meeting. In spite of the dreadful rain which poured all day in large quantities, forty of us gathered in the Theta corner at Field's. We were happy to have Miss Cockins as our guest of honor.

A knot of black and gold was at each place—and the birthday cake with its dark chocolate frosting bearing the pin in yellow frosting in the center of the cake, and

K A Θ 1870-1907, around the edge, occupied the position of honor.

Eleven chapters were represented, Eta, Epsilon, Delta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Upsilon, Rho, Phi, Alpha, Psi and Tau.

Gamma District

PHI — STANFORD UNIVERSITY

For all the three weeks of freedom Christmas vacation brings, it takes but a few short weeks to settle back into the routine of college work. Never was this settling accompanied by such a tramping of expressmen's feet, dragging of packing boxes and hammering, for everyone was moving and there were seven freshmen coming into the house. The repeated questions of where's this, and where's that, came from every side, mingled with greetings to late arrivals. From day to day the sounds of hammers and rolling furniture grew less, till the hurry of those with eight-fifteens and library work had quite taken its place.

But for all the hurry, there has been time for reminiscence. And even the freshmen come in for a weak share. They tell the Christmas freshmen of the Christmas grab bags sent to Phi by those who have left college. They recall the announcement dinner given for Jessie Gillmore by Karoline Hammond, and the Christmas tree spread, brought forward as a three-cornered surprise upon Jessie Gillmore, Cornelia Stevenson and the freshmen class. For the first, it was a shower, for the second a few little farewell gifts including the graduation spoon, for the third it was a collection of tin horns, dolls, picture books and the like.

The fraternity birthday was a happy time for Phi, for at the alumnae tea, we could present two newly initiated freshmen, Helen Monroe, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Georgina Gilbert, of Chicago. After the usual birthday ceremonies with the help of the alumnae present, we went over the early days of the chapter and recalled all we could about Phi girls who are no longer in the active chapter.

From present plans Phi looks forward to a semester brimming full of work and pleasure, and hopes for every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, the same.

GEORGINA LYMAN.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

January 14 was registration day, and those who first came back found an almost empty house and hills sprinkled with snow. For days there were but two topics of conversation, the probable date of the arrival of the southern girls, for, on account of the heavy rains, there were no trains running from southern California, and the weather. People came from the nearby towns to climb the hills and see the snow, the first near Berkeley for many years.

By Thursday the snow had melted and the Southern girls had arrived. Some had to come up by boat and others in trains much delayed by washouts. Even after they arrived many of last terms' chapter were missing, for appendicitis, impending matrimony and other causes have reduced our chapter from twenty-three to seventeen.

Last week the rain stopped and gave us one of those warm and sunny days that we like to feel is real California winter weather. It was fortunate, for on that day

Schumann-Heink sang in the Greek Theater under the cloudless blue sky. The University Orchestra, led by Prof. Wolle, head of the music department, accompanied her.

There is a certain air of mystery in the chapter house now, for the sophomores are getting ready for the celebration of the thirty-seventh birthday of the fraternity. It is a tradition with us that upon that day the sophomores shall entertain the chapter and the alumnae. They generally give a farce, often an original one and this year it is to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, February 2. What it is to be we are all anxious to find out. Then, too, various interesting looking parcels have come from the alumnae that add to the eager anticipation with which we are waiting for Saturday.

That this year be a happy and prosperous one for all the chapters is the wish of Omega.

MARGERY LYNCH.

PERSONALS

Iota

The latest news we heard from Carolyn Crossett, '05, was from Tunis, Algeria.

In December, a daughter, Catharine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dix Kerlin (Jennie Gilbert, '02.)

Mrs. E. L. Nichols and Miss Nichols sail for Europe on February 2.

Lambda

Mrs. Lida Mason Hodge, '75, spent the holidays in New York with her daughters.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Manchee (Annie Leavens, '96), in November.

Bessie Wright Brown, '94, of Bigelow, Maine, is spending a part of the winter in Burlington.

Annie Barker, '85, who is teaching in Washington, D. C., spent the Christmas vacation in Burlington.

Beatrice May, ex-'02, traveled in Europe for a short time last summer.

Sigma

The engagement is announced of Evelyn H. Ward, '05, to Mr. S. A. Dickson, '99, Delta Upsilon.

Born on December 30, at Dayton, Ohio, to the Rev. Edwin and Mrs. Lewis (Constance McMurtry, ex-'07), a son, Edwin McMurtry Lewis.

We are glad to have Evelyn Ward in Toronto for a week.

Mabel Steele, '07, has returned from a fortnight's visit in Dundas, going home to say good-bye to her sister who has started on a trip around the world.

Chi

Chi has had some happy surprises in New Year's calls and visits from alumnæ. May Baker, '03, now teaching at White Plains, N. Y., was the first to occupy our new guest-chamber, a luxury for Chi. Georgia Allen, '99, now teaching at Troy, N. Y., called at the chapter house. Olivia Pratt, '01, and Florence Buck, '01, were present at our first chapter meeting after the holidays. Olivia is teaching on Long Island and Florence at Flemington, N. J. Her sister, Winifred Buck, is a freshman at Syracuse this year.

All were delighted to have Elsie Carter, ex-'09, with us for a few days, and are enjoying her thoughtful gifts for the chapter house.

While this news is being read, and we are shivering with March winds, Mabel Wombough, '06, will be enjoying the balmy air of the Mediterranean on her journey to southern Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land.

The address of Sister Grace Baird Hersey is Pao-tingfu, China, in care of the Presbyterian Mission, where Mr. and Mrs. Hersey have gone for a year to study Chinese to equip Mr. Hersey the better for his work as representative of Syracuse University in the Y. M. C. A. at Tien-tsin.

Virginia Emmons, '07, spent Junior Week at Cornell University. Francis Emmons, ex-'07, is traveling through the southern states.

Alpha Beta

Mary Lippincott, '01, president of Alpha District, paid her official visit to Alpha Beta on Wednesday, January 16.

Anna K. Wolff, '04, gave a Theta luncheon in honor of Millo Marie McCain.

Helen Eastwick, '02, was married December 17th to John Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Harper are now living in Santa Fé, the "Isle of Pines."

Millo Marie McCain, '04, was married January 12, to Mr. Everett Keehew. Alice Sullivan, '04, and Anna Wolff, '04, were among the bridesmaids.

Mary B. Cranston, Caroline Washburne and Mary T. Janney, '06, visited Alpha Beta during the week of January 19.

Alpha Delta

Mary E. Adams, '06, is visiting Anna Haslup, '03, at her home in Baltimore.

Ethel Elmer, '04, has returned from her visits with Mary Adams in Philadelphia and with Caroline and Mabel Golding in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. R. F. Ford (née Francis Van Meter, ex-'06) is spending the winter at the Majestic Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

Mabel Hornbrook Johnson, ex-'04, is living in La Grange, Ill.

Alice Dinger, '02, has been visiting friends in New York.

Grace Simis Wright of Yonkers, N. Y., has a son, Richard Simis Wright, born October 12.

Alpha Delta is glad to have Esther Donnelly Smith, Psi, '02, living in Roland Park.

Alpha Epsilon

Laura Sherman, '06, is teaching at the Providence Classical High School.

Katherine Littlefield, '02, is teaching music at the Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton, Me.

Marjorie Kent, '08, is studying kindergarten at the State Normal school.

Hannah Heaton is teaching at Miss Bowen's school, Providence.

On November 5, Florence E. Doane, '05, was married to Herbert C. Harris, of Providence.

Olive Eddy is teaching at the Fielden-Chase Private School in Providence.

Alpha Zeta

Marjorie Bacon, '05, last month announced her engagement to Clayton Nichols of Cornell.

Helen Perry has just recently announced her engagement to Bradley Reynolds, Delta Phi of Troy Polytechnic Institute.

Elsie Totten, '05, was married on January 22, to Allan B. A. Bradley, a Delta Kappa Epsilon of Columbia.

The engagement of Ellis Fitch, '03, has been announced.

Alpha

Born to Dwight and Edna Taylor Ritter of Indianapolis, December 24, a boy, Dwight Gordon Ritter.

The marriage of Florence Newby and Mr. Cook occurred at Knightstown, January 24. They will make their home in Greenfield.

Anna Osborn is spending several months with her sister Lois in New York.

Luella McWhirter of Indianapolis and Louise McCabe of Crawfordsville came to Greencastle for the Theta annual banquet.

Elizabeth Bushnell and Ida Belle Ford, of Kokomo are visiting the Thetas during the rush and remaining for initiation.

Ethel McWhirter Wise, of Metuchen, N. J., spent a few days with us during the rush.

Gamma

Mary Bailey and Lucile Compton of Beta chapter visited Clara Lancaster at the time of the Founders' day celebrations.

Constance Addington of New Orleans will come to Indianapolis soon, preparatory to entering Butler again in the spring term. Miss Addington was one of the charter members of Sigma Delta Theta.

Lillian Bailey and Minnie Belle Cutsinger of Edinburg, were in Indianapolis for the Founders' day luncheon and dance.

Epsilon

Molly Remy, ex '09, is spending the winter in Dallas, Texas.

Helen Butterfield, '06, is teaching in the high school at Marysville, Ohio.

Cecilia Remy, '03, has the position of principal of the high school at Forest, Ohio.

Inez Kinney, '03, will visit here this week in the interest of the Y. W. C. A.

Eta

Mrs. L. A. Marquis, of Mu chapter, now residing in Detroit, has another little daughter. Mr. Marquis, it

will be remembered, was recently made Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral, there.

Anna L. White, '06, formally announced her engagement to Mr. Warren E. Emley, Phi Kappa Psi, '06, at a dinner given at her home in Fremont. The wedding will be in June and they will reside in Alpena, Mich.

Cora Wells, '03, has been visiting in Ann Arbor for the last ten days, on her way to do some work for her master's degree in Columbia.

Myra Post Cady entertained Alice Wadsworth at her home in Detroit during the Christmas holidays.

Charlotte Bissell spent Sunday with us on Theta's birthday.

Eta is looking forward to a visit from Ruth Manville, ex '08.

Bess Cantwell, ex '06, will be for a few weeks, at 15 Barfusse Strasse, Leipsic, Germany.

Editha L. Dann is coming back for graduate work, second semester.

Anna Drummond is teaching at Lewis Institute, this year.

Eta's deepest sympathy is with Elsie Sawyer, '03, whose mother died recently.

Mu

Phoebe Finley, ex '08, has been called from college by illness at home, and, to the regret of the whole chapter, must leave college for a term at least.

Emma Edson, '01, is assistant in the Biological department of the college.

Jess Williams, '03, who has been teaching in the Chicago School of Domestic Science, is now at her home in Oil City.

Pi

Lena Hunt Farley, '01, visited her brother, Lynn Hunt, New York, during the holidays.

Ruth Haller, '06, of Ann Arbor, spent a few days with us the first of the term.

Gertrude Strickland, '00, of South Haven, made a brief visit with Pi girls, holiday time.

Bertha D. Root, Battle Creek; Agnes Graves Wright, '92, Battle Creek, and Bertha Fellows O'Keefe were among the out-of-town alumnae present at Theta's birthday party.

Alpha Gamma

The weddings of five of our girls which were announced in the last Journal have taken place. Catherine Andrews was married on the evening of December the seventeenth to Mr. Carl Warren Gay, assistant professor at Ohio State; Nell Brown, on December the twentieth to Dr. Leslie Lisle, Kappa Sigma; Gertrude Belows on the evening of January sixth to Mr. Howard Auld; Katherine Early on January the sixteenth to Mr. Alvin Bonnet, Phi Delta Theta; and Edna Hoover on January the ninth to Mr. Ned Morrison, of Boston.

Maude Lyon of Westfield, N. Y., and Florence Durstine, of New York, have been in Columbus through the month of January.

Alpha Eta

Louise Bang, '05, who is teaching in Tuskegee, Alabama, spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Maria Mason, '05, and Flora Steele, ex '07, were with Miss Stella Vaughn during the Christmas holidays.

Sophie Ambrose, '07, spent part of the holidays with Mrs. G. H. Widener (Louise Wilson, '05) at Franklin, Kentucky.

Mary Lipe of Alpha Zeta was with her mother during Christmas week.

Margery Ezell, ex '07, visited in Nashville about a month ago.

Kappa

Inez Cross, '03, stopped in Lawrence a few days on her way to Santa Rose, California, where she will make her home.

Vera Hull, Anna Harrison, Margaret Phillbrook, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Marienne Brooke, Louise Barker, Helen Havens and Winifred Evringham visited us for the Theta spring party and the Founders' day banquet.

Jean Mead, Phi, visited us at the time of the spring party.

Ruby Barnett, '09, announces her engagement to Mr. George Clement of Kansas City.

Rho

Jean Tuttle, '98, is spending the winter in Oregon.

The marriage of Silence Stewart and Floyd Bennett Wilson, occurred December 22.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Viola Stewart to Mr. Shepherd of Armour Institute.

Several of the Rho alumnae were present at the Founders' day banquet of the Iota Alumnae, in Los Angeles.

The engagement of Luella Brach to Gale Lawson of Hastings, has been announced.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pancoast (Selma Wigenhorn, '00) a daughter.

Tau

Mabelle Thatcher Little is going abroad for six months.

Bessie Mars attended the annual banquet of Upsilon chapter, on January 26.

Lillian Prescott Kingsbury has moved from Columbus to Detroit.

Clara Stephenson Wideman of Menominee, Mich., was at one of the Delta Alumnae luncheons this fall.

The engagement of Isabella Welles to Mr. Charles Percy Parkhurst of Columbus, is announced.

Irene Parkes Matzinger and her husband have returned from their trip around the world.

Miss Cockins visited the chapter in January. Jean Meredith Beyers entertained the active chapter and alumnae, in her honor.

Ruth Balmer recently returned from a trip abroad.

Lida Scott Brown of South Bend, Ind., was at her home in Evanston, recently.

Jessie Everz Manchester has gone to Philadelphia to live.

Ruth Manville, Eta, visited us the last of January.

Marguerite Wells (pledged) expects to spend the remainder of the winter in Mobile.

Mary Ristine, ex-'06, visited us on her way home from the Philippines.

Ruth McCabe was with us a short while before Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David W. Holmes (Alice Blodgett) a boy, on December 20.

Upsilon

Harriet Watson is teaching in the high school of Melrose, Minn.

Harriet Steele is teaching in the high school of Amherst, Mass.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Summerfield (Elsie Gibbs) of Tonopah, Nevada, a daughter.

Mrs. J. S. O'Brien (Nell McClure) has moved to Great Falls, Mont.

Florence Parker is teaching in Willmar, Minn.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. F. Warren Wright (Grace Simis, '03) a son, on October 12. Their present address is 93 Webster Av., Station A, Yonkers, N. Y.

Sophie Pendergast White has moved to Natick, Mass.

The present address of Mrs. W. H. McVay (Alice Jones, '00) is 173 E. 15th St., Portland, Ore.

At our Christmas tree we had present three out-of-town guests, Margaret Moore Spicer, Nell Stanford Fernald and Kate Morse March.

Blanche Stanford Bissell spent a week in Minneapolis during February.

Florence Ansley is teaching in California. Her present address is St. Helena, Napa Co., California.

Nell Stanford Fernald has moved to Missoula, Mont.

Ψ

Gertrude Young, '06, made us very happy by stopping off at Madison, for a few days, on her way to California, where she expects to spend the winter.

Alpha Theta

Lillian Greer, '03, of Waco, had a very sad misfortune in a runaway accident, in which her father was killed, and she was seriously injured.

Linna Williams, ex-'08, and Minnie Williams, '06, of Greenville, have been visiting us during the past two weeks.

We are glad to have with us Eugenia Greenwood, '09, who has been out of college during the past term.

Phi

The engagement of Edith Barnhisel, '99, to Forest Fisher, '99, has been announced.

The marriage of Jessie Gillmore to Bryant Mathews is to take place February 12.

The engagement of Agnes Arneill, ex-'01, to Roy Reppy, was announced during the Christmas holidays.

Grace Lavayea, '03, and Clara Smith, ex-'06, will sail for Europe, February 2.

Among Phi's visitors have been Edith Miller, ex-'06, Genevieve Chambers, '03, Clara Stevenson, '04.

Born to Charlotte Chambers Wright, a son.

Born to Edith Boyce Price, of Alpha, a son.

Born to Grace Barnhisel Hudson, a son.

Omega

The engagement is announced of Agnes Arneill, ex-'01, to Roy Reppy, Stanford, Beta Theta Pi.

The marriage of Fanny Cushing Stone, '99, to Walter Victor Jahant of Stanford University, took place at Missoula, Montana, January 26.

The engagement is announced of Ida Larkey, '92, to Mr. John Jordan.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

A Canal Zone Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha (Southern) was recently founded with nine charter members.

Delta U will hold its next convention in Minneapolis in October, 1907.

Alpha Phi at its convention in New York adopted a plain unjeweled pin as the official badge.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta offers a prize to the Delta Tau contributing the best original fraternity story.

The University of Pennsylvania chapter of Kappa Sigma sends to its alumni every month a calendar of college and fraternity events and inviting them to attend one or all.

Alpha Phi has entered Nebraska. Kappa Kappa Gamma installed a chapter at West Virginia University on December 22. Zeta Tau Alpha has placed a chapter in Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Delta Gamma has entered the University of California. Phi Delta Theta has granted a charter to a local at the University of South Dakota. Chi Omega has recently installed a chapter at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Alpha Delta Phi is the name assumed by a society of young ladies in one of the Georgia colleges. It has existed for many years under a name not Greek, but has recently become incorporated and the parent chapter is granting charters to other societies.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The University of California will establish a hospital, with wards free to students who are taken ill during their college year. The board of regents, who have decided that such an institution is necessary, have arranged to open the hospital in time to be of service to the undergraduates beginning their college work for the year in August.

The maintenance of the hospital will depend largely upon support received from the student body itself, following a method that has proved successful in several large Eastern universities.

The Myers house in the apple garden at College Avenue and Sylvan Way, on the southeast corner of the University grounds,

will be refitted for the hospital. There will be two free wards, one for men students and one for the women. In addition, the hospital will maintain a modern surgeon's room and a complete set of all operating appliances. Here any member of the University may be treated without expense or may receive the care of his own physician if desired. All the running expenses will come from an addition to the present gymnasium fee, which will be raised from \$1.50 to \$4.00 a term, \$2.50 going to the hospital. General supervision is to be under the professor of hygiene.

The cost of fitting the hospital will be covered by funds raised for that purpose by the Berkeley Hospital Association and the Prytanean Society, both of which received their stimulus from Mme. Felician Paget, wife of the late professor of romance languages in the University.

—*Alpha Phi Quarterly.*

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

November—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Beta Theta Pi* and *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

December—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, *Phi Gamma Delta* and *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

January—*Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *Beta Theta Pi*, *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta and *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

February—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega, *Kappa Alpha Journal* and *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The average undergraduate is by instinct far more interested in keeping his fraternity in the foreground of the college work than in learning its particular tenets.—*Garnet and White*.

A "black ball" in time saves nine. A thorough investigation before balloting is worth a thousand lectures after initiation.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Four good friends representing Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta recently went to Madison as delegates to investigate the Pan-Hellenic situation there. They were asked the question "Are you all members of the same fraternity?" Immediately came the answer from the Gamma Phi lady, "Yes—the Inter-Sorority Conference."—*Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

One fault of the fraternity girl of today, noticed by an outsider, is her critical attitude toward all things. This spirit is fostered by three things, at least; her necessarily critical attitude toward the new girl in rushing season, her well-meant effort to live up to her initiation vows and help the new girl by friendly criticism, and her sometimes strained relations with her rival chapters all lead to this same result. Too often when a group of girls get together they begin a wholesale slaughter in words, of every girl in their acquaintance who is not there. Common language calls this "knocking." In a case of one of our own girls why not tactfully set about to mend her faults, and in a rival girl merely be thankful that we do not have to bother about her defects.—*Arrow*.

We have recently had impressed on our minds very forcibly the necessity of keeping fraternity affairs strictly within the fraternity.

I do not mean our inmost fraternity secrets, no one would think of telling those, but little chapter matters. I think we all feel in a general way that there are a great many things that should never be talked about outside, but I do not believe that as a general thing we impress it strongly enough on the chapter as a whole. Things that happen in fraternity meeting, little personal affairs between the girls themselves, and small experiences they may have had with other fraternity girls or men are talked about as being good conversational material when other topics prove uninteresting and we are bent on whiling away a half-hour or two. Haven't we enough to talk about without drawing on this source and isn't it worth while making a special effort, both as a whole and as individuals, to keep such things inviolable? We are apt to have rather severe lessons, sometimes, even within a chapter that feels that it has made a conscientious effort in this respect, that make us give this subject a great deal of thought.—*Arrow.*

Now the new year revives the rushing fires
And fiercely glows each chapter's fond desires,
While every loyal Greek, from morn till night,
Talks, argues, pleads, spends money and perspires.

The handsome youth we set our hearts upon
Smiles at our artful pleading—and anon
While we are saying "Gee, this is a cinch,"
Off with the Phi Psi's or the 'Sigs has gone.

Myself, a freshman, blissful hours spent
With rival frats and heard great argument
About alumni rolls; but in the end
With those who laughed at all my jokes I went.

With them the seeds of knowledge did I sow,
Well watered with much beer to make them grow
And in the end this was the grain I reaped:
The knowledge of how much I did not know.

You know, my friends, with what a brave carouse
I raised the devil in our chapter house,
Divorced old Mathematics from my mind
And took the merry funnel gang to spouse.

For quadrant and equation, rule and line,
My patient father many a check did sign.

Yet, though I bathed in learning's fountain, I
Was never deep in anything but stein.

The stein that can, with sureness absolute,
The efforts of a dozen deans confute,

And from the brain with laughter can drive out
Greek, Latin, mathematics, and square root.

Fraternity, it was thy joyous spell
That stole the prizes that I sought—ah well,

I wonder what the tomes of college hold
One half as precious as the Beta yell.

—Beta Theta Pi.

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